

1. Let  $x(t) = (\cosh(t), t)$  where  $\cosh(t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t})$ .

(a) (1/2) Find the velocity,  $x'(t)$ .

$$x(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t}), t \right)$$

$$x'(t) = \left( \frac{1}{2}(e^t - e^{-t}), 1 \right)$$

(b) (1/3) Find the speed.

$$\|x'(t)\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}e^t - \frac{1}{2}e^{-t}\right)^2 + 1}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(e^{2t} - 2 + e^{-2t}) + 1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{e^{2t} + e^{-2t} + 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (e^t + e^{-t})$$

(c) (1/5) Compute the arclength,  $s$ , from  $(1, 0)$  in direction  $t > 0$ . What is the  $x$  coordinate on the curve when  $s = 1$ ?

$$s = \int_0^t \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$$

$$s = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t}) dt$$

$$2s = (e^t - e^{-t})$$

$$\ln(2s) = \ln(e^t - \frac{1}{e^t}) = \ln((e^t - e^{-t})^2)$$

$$\ln 2s = 2 \ln(e - \frac{1}{e})$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(e - \frac{1}{e})}{\ln(2s)} = \ln(e - \frac{1}{e} - 2)$$

$$\text{at } s=1, t = \frac{\ln(e - \frac{1}{e})}{\ln 2} = \ln(e - \frac{1}{e} - 2)$$

$$x(\ln(e - \frac{1}{e} - 2)) = \left( \frac{1}{2}(e - \frac{1}{e} - 2 + \frac{1}{e - \frac{1}{e} - 2}), \ln(e - \frac{1}{e} - 2) \right)$$

I know this is wrong, but I have to substitute  $t$  somehow. Thank you!

2. (/10) Recall the Frenet-Serret formulae

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dT}{ds} &= \kappa N, \\ \frac{dN}{ds} &= -\kappa T + \tau B, \\ \frac{dB}{ds} &= -\tau N.\end{aligned}$$

Find  $\frac{d^2T}{ds^2}$ ,  $\frac{d^2N}{ds^2}$  and  $\frac{d^2B}{ds^2}$  in terms of the frame  $T, N$  and  $B$  and the curvature,  $\kappa$ , torsion,  $\tau$  and their derivatives,  $\kappa'$  and  $\tau'$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2T}{ds^2} &= \frac{d}{ds} (\kappa N) \\ &= \kappa \frac{dN}{ds} + \kappa' N \\ &= \kappa (-\kappa T + \tau B) + \kappa' N\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2N}{ds^2} &= -(\kappa' T + \kappa \frac{dT}{ds}) + \tau' B + \tau \frac{dB}{ds} \\ &= -\kappa' T + \kappa^2 N + \tau' B - \tau^2 N\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2B}{ds^2} &= -(\tau' N + \tau \frac{dN}{ds}) \\ &= -\tau' N + \tau \kappa T - \tau^2 B\end{aligned}$$

3. Let  $f(x, y) = x^2y + xy^2$ .

(a) (/5) From the definition find the directional derivative of  $f$  at the point  $(1, 1)$  in the direction  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ .

$$\therefore D_{\underline{u}} f(x, y) = f(u_x(x), u_y(y))$$

$$r(t) = t \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}t, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t\right) = \frac{t^2}{4} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}t + \frac{3t^2}{4} \cdot \frac{t}{2}$$

$$= \frac{t^3\sqrt{3}}{8} + \frac{3t^3}{8}$$

$$f(1, 1) = 2, t=2 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{3\sqrt{3}+3} \\ = \frac{\dots}{2} \end{array} \right\}$$

(b) (/5) Repeat the above problem only this time use the fact that  $f$  is differentiable and the gradient of  $f$  to simplify the calculation. Be wary that two identical calculations wont get you 10 points.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = (2xy + y^2, x^2 + 2xy)$$

$$\nabla f(1, 1) = (3, 3)$$

$$\nabla f(1, 1) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{3+3\sqrt{3}}{2}}$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}} = 1$$

It's a unit vector.

4. (/10) Consider the quadric surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by the equation

$$-\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} + z^2 = 9.$$

Find the equation of the tangent plane of the quadric at the point,  $(8, 36, 13)$  by thinking of the quadric as the level set of an appropriately defined function.

$$F(x, y, z) = -\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} + z^2$$

$$\nabla F(x, y, z) = \left( -\frac{x}{2}, -\frac{2y}{9}, 2z \right) \quad \text{for level } L=9$$

$$\nabla F(8, 36, 13) = (-4, -8, 26), \quad \text{normal for plane}$$

$$\underline{n} = (-2, -4, 13)$$

Plane:

$$\begin{aligned} -2x - 4y + 13z &= (-2, -4, 13) \cdot (8, 36, 13) \\ &= -16 - 144 + 169 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{-2x - 4y + 13z = 9}$$

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5. (a) (/4) Consider a path parameterized by arclength,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(s)$ . Show that in this special case the curvature,  $\kappa$ , is the magnitude of the acceleration. That is:

$$\kappa = \|\mathbf{x}''(s)\|.$$

$$\kappa = \left\| \frac{dT}{ds} \right\| \text{ by definition}$$

$$T = \frac{\frac{dx}{dt}}{\left\| \frac{dx}{dt} \right\|}$$

thus  $T = \frac{dx}{ds}$

$$\kappa = \left\| \frac{d}{ds} \left( \frac{dx}{ds} \right) \right\| = \left\| \frac{d^2x}{ds^2} \right\|$$

- (b) (/6) For a helix parameterized by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = (\cos(t), \sin(t), t)$$

compute the torsion,

$$\tau = \frac{(\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{x}}}{\|\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{x}}\|^2}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (-\sin t, \cos t, 1)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (-\cos t, -\sin t, 0)$$

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (\sin t, -\cos t, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{x}}) &= (0 + \cos t, 0 + \sin t, \sin^2 t + \cos^2 t) \\ &= (\cos t, \sin t, 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{x}}\| = \sqrt{\cos^2 t + \sin^2 t + 1} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$(\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{x}}) \cdot \ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \sin t \cos t + \sin t \cos t$$

$$\boxed{\tau = \sin t \cos t}$$

6. An object is said to move under the influence of a central force if its acceleration vector satisfies

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = f(r)\mathbf{x}$$

where  $r = \|\mathbf{x}\|$  and  $f$  is a real value differentiable function of one variable and  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(t)$  is the path of the object in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

(a) (/6) Show that the path of an object moving under the influence of a central force is in a plane that contains the origin. Hint: The key trick is to show that  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{x}$  is a constant vector (i.e. does not change with time).

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{x}) &= \ddot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{x} + \dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \dot{\mathbf{x}} \\ &= \ddot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{x} \\ &= f(r) \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{x} \\ &= 0, \text{ thus } \dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{x} \text{ is constant.} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\dot{\mathbf{x}} \times \mathbf{x}$  defines the motion perpendicular to velocity & position, it is a normal to a plane that encompasses the motion. If that normal is constant, the plane is constant.

If the motion begins at the origin, then that constant plane must contain that point.

(b) (/4) If the path of an object goes through the points,  $\overset{P}{(1, 2, 3)}$ ,  $\overset{Q}{(0, 4, 5)}$  and  $\overset{R}{(0, 0, 6)}$ , could the object be moving under the influence of a central force? Justify your answer with a calculation.

If the points are all in a plane intersecting the origin, it could be.

$$\vec{PR} = (-1, 2, 3)$$

$$\vec{PQ} = (-1, 2, 2)$$

$$\vec{PR} \times \vec{PQ} = (-2 + 3, 6 + 4, -2 - 2)$$

$$= (1, 10, -4)$$

$1 + 10 + (-4) = -24$ , this object is not under the influence of a central force.

$$0 + 0 - 0 \neq -24$$